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SUBJECT Soviet Troop Movements in Schwerin
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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. The only changes among Soviet occupation troops in the Schwerin area have been at the tank training grounds at Stern-Buchholz. About 50 T-34 and Stalin I tanks are now stationed there, and 12 self-propelled guns. [redacted] [redacted] Eighteen more tanks arrived on 19 Apr 54, coming from the Berlin direction. These tanks [redacted] carried an insignie of a white spade on the right side of the turret. Soviet soldiers wearing an insignie resembling an antitank rocket have also been seen at the grounds for the first time.
2. Exercises are taking place in firing practice with live ammunition by maneuvering tanks, taking cover against airplanes, and crossing ditches. On 21 Apr 54 aircraft took part in the exercises for the first time this year. They were single-engine IL-10 machines. It was observed that each of the nine planes fired six rockets in low-level flight. The targets apparently were wrecked tanks under the trees.
3. Recruit training has been going on since 15 Apr 54 at the barracks in Werderstrasse, Schwerin. About 90 men of the age of 18 or thereabout were brought from Penkun by omnibus on 3 Apr 54.

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